IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION DROHMANN ET DOCKET NO.: 53383 OF: AL. SERIAL NO.: 10/509,641 CONFIRMATION NO.: 4300 FILING DATE: 09/29/2004 **EXAMINER:** Popovics, Robert J. CUSTOMER NO.: 26474 ART UNIT: 1724

FOR: USE OF POLYMERS COMPRISING THERMOPLASTIC POLYMERS AS FILTER AIDS AND/OR STABILIZERS

Honorable Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

Sir:

This is a request for continued examination which is submitted in reply to the final Office action of May 17, 2006 and the advisory action of September 21, 2006. Please recall that a notice of appeal was filed in this case on October 17, 2006. It is respectfully requested that the following preliminary remarks and amendments be entered and considered for further prosecution of the above mentioned application.

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